



# Windham Ridge Public School Community Newsletter



Week ending: June 2, 2023



<https://www.oneidaindianation.com/celebration-of-the-strawberry/>

**Strawberry Moon** (as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders):

*At this time of year, strawberries ripen and young children (one boy and one girl) that are still innocent are chosen to hand out strawberry drinks. Pregnant women are not to eat or drink any kind of berries as if they do, their baby may be born with a birth-mark.*

<b>Monday, June 5 (Day 3)</b>	<b>Monday, June 12 (Day 3)</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 6 (Day 4)</b> Pizza lunch	<b>Tuesday, June 13 (Day 4)</b> Pizza lunch Orientation for new grade 1 families School Council 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday, June 7 (Day 5)</b> Astoria Lunch Intermediate Track & Field (Area Meet)	<b>Wednesday, June 14 (Day 5)</b> Astoria Lunch
<b>Thursday, June 8 (Day 1)</b> Subway Lunch Junior Track & Field (Area Meet)	<b>Thursday, June 15 (Day 1)</b> Subway Lunch Gr. 8 Jungle Book Performance
<b>Friday, June 9 (Day 2)</b> Kids Kitchen Lunch	<b>Friday, June 16 (Day 2)</b> Kids Kitchen Lunch Fun Day!

### ***June Multifaith Observances***

- Indigenous Spirituality 1 Strawberry Moon (local Oneida)*
- Indigenous Spirituality 1 National Indigenous History Month*
- Buddhism 4 Saicho Dengyo Daishi Memorial*
- Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity 4 Pentecost (E)*
- Christianity 4 Trinity Sunday (W)*
- Full Moon 4 Full Moon*
- Bahá'í Faith 5 Núr*
- Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity 11 All Saints Day (E)*
- Sikhism 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji*
- Buddhism 18 Jamyang Khyentse Chokyi Lodro Anniversary*
- New Moon 18 New Moon*
- Indigenous Spirituality 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day (Canada)*
- Wicca 21 Litha*
- Astronomical Event 21 June Solstice*
- Islam 28 Day of Hajj (Day at 'Arafāt)*
- Diamond Days 29 'Īd al-'Adhá (Festival of Sacrifice)*
- Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 29 Ghambar Maidyoshem begins*
- Islam 29 'Īd al-'Adhá*



**Strawberry Moon June 1, 2023**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/why-june-2023-full-moon-called-strawberry-moon/>

June is

Filipino Heritage Month

Italian Heritage Month

Portuguese Heritage Month



**Dr. Eileen de Villa**, a Boston-born and Toronto-raised Canadian Filipino, is at the forefront of Toronto's fight against Covid-19. As chief Medical Health Officer for the City of Toronto, a post she has held since March 2017, she heads the biggest local public health agency in Canada. The Toronto Public Health Agency provides public health programs and services to 2.9 million residents.



**Maria Augimeri** moved to Canada with her family at the age of 2. Before entering politics, she was a Social Anthropologist at York University. An Italian-Canadian, she has written three books on the Italian-Canadian community and is also a published poet.



**Jack Oliveira** has been a member of LiUNA Local 183 for more than three decades and is currently the Business Manager at both LiUNA Local 183 and LiUNA OPDC. The son of a labourer, Oliveira worked in the field as a labourer himself for over a decade, becoming a foreman and developing his natural leadership skills. He supports the workers' rights and safety and does everything in his power to represent them, support them and address their concerns, needs and ideas.



June is National Indigenous History Month

National Indigenous Peoples Day  
June 21

**What is National Indigenous Peoples Day?**  
[Click here to explore the importance of this day.](#)

National Indigenous History month is a time to celebrate the diverse cultures of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities. The month, which includes National Indigenous Peoples Day, is a perfect time to reflect upon the long relationship between the many different Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island and Canadians throughout history.

As a school community, we will be exploring various facets of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities in Canada.

Did you know:

### Indigenous Education in Canada means education for, from, with, and about...

#### First Nation

There are more than 630 First Nation communities in Canada, which represent more than 50 Nations and 50 Indigenous languages.

Review the [First Nation Profiles Interactive Map](#) to see where each Nation is located.

#### Métis

According to a 2021 census, 624,220 people identified as Métis in Canada. Métis are a distinct culture, who have their own languages, worldviews, creation stories, governing systems, national symbols. Metis peoples have a homeland, extensive kinship ties across traditional territory, and a collective consciousness.

Review [Membership in a Métis organization or Settlement](#): Findings from the 2021 Census of Population here.

#### Inuit

There are 8 distinct groups:

- Labradormiut (Labrador)
- Nunavimmiut (Ungava)
- Baffin Island
- Iglulingmiut (Iglulik),
- Kivallirmiut (Caribou)
- Netsilingmiut (Netsilik)
- Inuinait (Copper)
- Inuvialuit (Western Arctic Inuit)

Review the [Inuit Nunangat Interactive Map](#) to see where some Inuit communities are located.

[First Nation Profiles Interactive Map](#)  
[Membership in a Metis organization or Settlement](#)  
[Inuit Nunangat](#)

## June is Pride Month



June is Pride Month around the globe. It's a time when people in the 2SLGBTQI+ community (two spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and additional identities) recognize 2SLGBTQI+ history and leaders in activism. Pride Month allows schools to embrace inclusion and celebrate diversity.

On June 1st, we raised the Progress Pride Flag at Windham Ridge PS.



[https://twitter.com/WRPS\\_YRDSB/status/1664339050977697795?s=20](https://twitter.com/WRPS_YRDSB/status/1664339050977697795?s=20) .

The Progress Pride Flag allows schools to show representation of marginalized identities in the community. The significance of the colours in the new flag are as follows:

- yellow background with the purple circle recognizes intersex experiences
- pink, white and blue represent trans experiences
- black and brown represent the intersectional racialized experiences

## Office News



### Early vacations in June

The last day of school is Friday June 30th. As we are approaching the end of the school year, families may be planning early summer vacations. Parents may report a *planned absence* in Edsby once they have confirmed their child's last day. Don't forget to also advise the homeroom teacher.

### Planning on Moving?

If your child/ren grades 1 to 7 will not be returning to WRPS in September, please notify the school office by emailing [windham.ridge.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:windham.ridge.ps@yrdsb.ca).

## Thank you!



On June 1st, WRPS staff prepared a beautiful appreciation tea for volunteers and community members to share our gratitude for their dedication to WRPS. Everyone enjoyed music, singing, cards with grateful messages, kind words, & yummy treats!

As an admin team and WRPS staff, we realize that giving your time and dedication to our school is time away from your own families, your numerous responsibilities, and your busy lives.

What we also know is that your time has impacted our school community in

so many wonderful ways. From attending classroom trips, to supporting school events, to sharing some extra time when asked- each contribution to Windham Ridge has benefitted students and in turn, has benefitted the Windham Ridge PS family.



The school has become a hub of activities resulting from positive collaboration between staff, families, and community members as we continue to support one another and most importantly, to support each student who continues to be the center of all our decisions.

Thank you to all community members who help make Windham Ridge a special place!

## Parenting Strategies for a Successful Summer Break!

Parent, Guardian, Caregiver, Community Member Virtual Session

[Click here to Register!](#)



**York Region**  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
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### PARENTING STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER BREAK!

Let's talk about it!

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

**June 13, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend this virtual session!**

This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children with strategies to:

- how parents may get "trapped" in escalations and power struggles;
- understanding various traps ways to avoid these traps and develop age appropriate and do-able strategies; and
- how parents can have a successful, stress free summer break

**Facilitator:** Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families 

[Register Today!](#)

This free parent presentation is brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

For more information contact:  
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## School Council Meeting



**School Council Meeting:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
WRPS Library

We look forward to our continued partnership with the School Council as we collaborate to serve each student and family of Windham Ridge PS.

## Every Student Counts Survey



The Every Student Counts Survey was scheduled to close on Friday, May 19, 2023. In order to ensure families have enough time to complete the survey, we are extending the deadline for the **Kindergarten - Grade 3 survey until June 23, 2023.**

During the week of June 5, families of students in Kindergarten - Grade 3 will receive another invitation letter to complete the survey. If you have already completed the survey, or do not wish to complete the survey, please disregard the invitation letter.

## Spring BBQ

Save the Date

Sales open  
Monday June 5th  
on  
School Cash Online!

WRPS SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

Year End  
**BBQ**

SAVE THE DATE

20 JUNE, 2023  6:30-8:30PM  
RAIN OR SHINE

**DJ - ICE CREAM TRUCK - SUMMER BEVERAGE TRUCK**

SUMMER BEVERAGES  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE ON SITE BY  
LOCAL VENDORS

HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, VEGGIE BURGERS, AND  
HALAL BURGERS WILL ALL BE AVAILABLE BY PRE-  
ORDER ONLY. LOOK FOR THEM COMING UP ON  
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.

\$8.50  
Includes  
food, drink  
& a bag of  
chips

## Kid's Kitchen Specials

**Kid's Kitchen** Co.

**JUNE 2023**

### END OF YEAR SPECIALS



**BBQ Chicken Drumsticks with Mashed Potatoes, Corn Niblets and a Chocolate Pudding**  
[gluten-friendly]

OR



**Cheese Tortellini in tomato sauce and a Chocolate Pudding**

### JUNE SPECIALS

You can choose from our:

- **Beef or Bean Soft Taco**



The June Specials can be ordered as a combo with fruit or as an entrée only.

ALL Specials are available on your school's service days from June 1 – 29th!

Place your orders online at [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca) **Visit us on-line to see our full menu.**

#### Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca)

You can order online up until 10am the previous business day. **A valid credit card is required.**

#### We're here to help!

Live Customer Service: 8:30am – 2:30pm Monday to Friday.

**Spend more quality time with your kids. Leave the lunches to us!**  
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